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***VIOLA RENIFOLIA***  
**KIDNEY-LEAF WHITE VIOLET**

Kidney-leaf White Violet is a perennial with leaves and flower stalks that arise directly from a short rootstock with no rhizomes. The leaves have petioles that are 3-15 cm long and blades that are orbicular and broadly heart-shaped at the base, coarsely toothed, and 2-6 cm wide. The foliage is sparsely to heavily pubescent. The flower stalks are shorter than the leaves. Flowers are white and 10-15 mm long. Petals are glabrous within, and the lower three are lined with purple. Flowering in June-July, fruiting in July-August.

*VIOLA PALUSTRIS* and *V. MACLOSKEYI* are white-flowered, stemless species that could occur in similar habitat, but both have stolons, while *V. RENIFOLIA* does not.